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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council  
Deputy Director of Intelligence

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: NIE

1. As an editorial matter, I don't think it's good practice to start a user off with a recitation of rather obvious statements about regional tensions with which everybody is quite familiar and which we have dealt with fully in specific estimates.

2. It would be a more promising and I think useful document if the first five pages of the key judgments were dropped, regional tensions were dropped from the title, and the estimate focused on instability in countries where intrinsic instability and destabilization from external sources is threatening. Emphasizing regional tensions dilutes it.

3. What is your view?

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